

Frequently Asked Questions - Wastewater Treatment Works.

1. When do the rules take effect?

The effective date is December 9, 2004.

2. What are the changes to that affect wastewater treatment works (wtw)?

The new rules require the weekly sampling of BOD and SS for treatment works greater than 100,000 gpd and monthly sampling for wtw less than 100,000 gpd. Also, provisions were added to address the treatment of recycled water and recycled water systems. In addition, subsurface disposal systems no longer will be required to have continuous disinfection.

3. Will I need to get a wastewater management permit?

Yes. DOH has implemented a permit program for wastewater treatment works. As most treatment works do not treat wastewater sludge for land application purposes, the facility can be covered under the general permit provisions. For those facilities that land apply wastewater sludge or treat wastewater sludge for land application, an individual permit must be obtained. See wastewater management permit FAQs.

Frequently Asked Questions - Wastewater Management Registration

1. Who needs to register?

Anyone who hauls wastewater or wastewater sludge including grease trap haulers and cesspool pumps. Also, the owner of any land that non-exceptional quality sludge is applied or stored for less than two years.

2. When do I need to register?

For existing facilities, within 90 days of the effective date of the rule.

For new facilities, no later than 180 days before operations begin.

3. Are there any fees to register?

Yes. It will cost \$30 to initially register and \$10 to renew.

4. How often do I need to renew?

The registration expires November 15 of each even-numbered year.

5. What will be required under the registration program?

The following record keeping is required under the registration program: The number of wastewater systems, including individual wastewater systems (cesspools and

septic tanks) and grease traps pumped; the name of the owner of the each wastewater system and grease trap pumped; the location (street address and tax map key) of the wastewater system and grease trap pumped; the volume pumped; the result of any analyses performed on the pumped material; the disposal site of the pumped wastewater and grease trap wastes; and the date of the disposal.

6. When will I need to provide this information to DOH?

Yes. A tabulated reported must be submitted to DOH on a quarterly basis. The reports may be mailed to the Wastewater Branch at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 309, Honolulu, HI 96814 or electronically sent to wwb@eha.health.state.hi.us.

Frequently Asked Questions - Wastewater Management Permits

1. Who needs to be permitted?

- a. Any treatment works that generates wastewater sludge;
- b. Any facility/operation (different from the generator) that treats or prepares wastewater sludge for land application or surface disposal;
- c. Any land that is used for surface disposal of wastewater sludge; and
- d. And facility/operation not located in the State that generates wastewater sludge that is land applied in the State.

2. Do I apply for a general permit or an individual permit?

You must apply for an individual permit if you generate wastewater sludge that is land applied, treat wastewater sludge that is land applied, an out-of-state facility that generates or treats wastewater sludge that is land applied or you own land that is a surface disposal site. If you do not meet these criteria, odds are you can apply for general permit coverage.

3. Where do I find the permit language?

Appendix A of Chapter 11-62 contains the standard conditions for all permits.

Appendix B of Chapter 11-62 contains the general permit for treatment works.

4. If I have a NPDES permit do I need a wastewater management permit?

Yes.

5. Is there a time frame to apply for a permit?

Individual permits: For existing facilities, you must apply for an individual permit within one year of the effective date of the rule. For new facilities, 180 days prior to

operation of the facility.

General permits: For existing facilities, you must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) within 180 days of the effective date of this rule. For new facilities, an NOI must be submitted 90 days prior to operation.